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Wesleyan 11 Normal 5.2

Friday afternoon, Nov. 5, when Coach Cunningham's gridiron frolickers faced Job White's pigskin chasers on the Normal field everybody hoped to see the Teachers come out with the big end of the score. But alas! when that page of foot ball history is opened the bitter words Wesleyan 11 Normal 5 tells how their fond hopes were blasted; how the Normalites were for the second time this year left in the shadow of Salina's bunch of ministerial aspirants. But no disgrace comes from defeat by a team which has played all the principal teams of the state and although we did not win the game it is gratifying to know that our opponents were compelled to put out the best they had in stock in order to come off victorious.

The day was an ideal one for foot ball and the crowd surprised itself in showing a little enthusiasm.

Wesleyan won the toss and selected the west goal, the Normal kicking to them. Wesleyan were held for downs and it was Normal's ball in center of the field. About two minutes later the ball was whistled down behind the enemy's goal. A cog slipped and Normal failed to kick goal. Then the Preachers woke up and began hurling flying masses of human beef against the much lighter Normal line and in this way finally managed to slip the ball over. Failed to kick goal. The half ended with the score of 5 to 5.

Early in the second half Wesleyan sent Brown across the line for a second touch down from which goal was kicked. Score Wesleyan 11 Normal 5. Then the Normal began a steady march down the field which looked good for another touchdown but the umpire couldn't stand it to see the score tied so trumped up a fake

charge of hurdling which put the Teachers back 15 yards thus making it impossible for them to score. The game ended with the score 11 to 5 in favor of the visitors.

Referee, Loreditsch; umpire, White; field judge, Irwin; head linesman, Steadman. Length of halves, thirty minutes.

On November fourth and fifth school was closed to attend the State Teachers' Association at Topeka.

The assembling of the teachers in the fall months instead of at the Christmas season marks a new departure and we believe a new epoch in the history of this association. It means for one thing a larger attendance and consequently an increased treasury, enabling the management to procure the most able men in the profession as speakers.

The forenoon general meetings as well as the evening sessions were addressed by men of national reputation in educational circles. Among these were: S. A. Draper, commissioner of education, New York, Dr. E. A. Steiner, Iowa University, Henry Turner, Bailey, Massachusetts and President John U. Cook, DeKalb, Illinois, each with his own peculiar message, something he had worked out himself and was willing and anxious to contribute for the better education of the American boy and girl. Not theories and guess-work but practical working gospel was the order of the day.

The enrollment reported on Friday evening was 4388 and it was stated authoratively that there were 50 who had not enrolled.

The general sessions were held in the city auditorium and it was literally packed at every meeting. The Round-tables were held in the afternoons in the various churches and High School buildings throughout the

city. The primary round-table reported 1000 in attendance.

It is worth while to attend these meetings if only to see the busy well-kept little city of Topeka and be partakers of her fine hospitality, but in addition to this it means much professionally to the teacher to listen to those who stand in the fore-front of education in his own land and to be caught up for a time by the contagious enthusiasm of the thousands of men and women devoted to the great common cause of education.

Not wishing to disappoint the Juniors and others in their expectancy of a Senior party on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd., the always obliging Seniors did have a very quiet party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Picken. They met at an early hour and all partook in a delightful lesson in domestic science conducted by Mrs. Picken. Before long the announcement was made that the Juniors had surrounded the house, but the arrival of so trivial a body as that caused no excitement whatever among the merry makers within. By no inducement which the Juniors offered could they lure the happy Seniors out of doors. The crowd of so-called Juniors continued to increase in numbers until it was feared the faculty had not been consulted in the hasty promotions made from out of school members, Model school Freshmen and Sophomores to the dignified (?) rank of Juniors. They were all very loyal to the cause however as no complaints were heard the next day about being compelled to take shower baths. Before many hours had passed a feeling of extreme weariness and drowsiness overcame the crowd on the outside and they adjourned to their homes like good little children causing no trouble to their elders. The Seniors, many of whom were heard to exclaim: "I'd rather be on the inside a lookin' out, than on the outside a'lookin' in."

Edward Amherst Ott at the Normal Nov. 30. Don't fail to hear him.

District School.

The district school had everything its own way during the days of the State Teachers' Association when the remainder of the school was dismissed.

Both teacher and pupils were made glad by having Lloyd Foughty return to school after an absence of two weeks.

Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Craig are our patron visitors since the last report.

We are pleased to know that we are to have a larger number of regular visitors during the present ten weeks than we have had during the past ten.

We enjoyed the novel experience of school by lamp light last Friday morning during the unusual gloom. We imagined we were the children of the arctic region going to school during their winter period. Our electric lights were a little too bright to make it realistic, though.

The first three grades have been learning about the animals of the different zones.

Kansas History is becoming more and more interesting. We have seen the Kansas-Nebraska Bill passed and are now watching the struggle of pro-slavery and anti-slavery people to gain the mastery of the state. A number of Whittier's and Longfellow's poems on slavery have been read in connection with the history.

The morning stories recently have been, "The Great Stone Face" and "William Tell." Both were enjoyed.

We are learning some of the mysteries of note reading in music and have learned one or two simple songs by note.

The days have been so mild that the boys thought it was spring and just simply could not resist the "marble fever" which usually comes with the first fine spring days. Therefore, marbles have been the game for the past week or two. It is hoped that this change of the "game calendar" will have no bad effect even if it is a most unheard of thing.

The following received too late for the last issue but we trust it will be acceptable at any rate.

Dear Normal friends:

Since the editor's arm is more seriously out of place than usual I think I see another opportunity to break into print. He'll be short of copy and accept anything. Then too I've got something on my mind and want to get it off before the idea is lost and my mind overwhelmed by the unusual condition.

It came about in this way. I've been to a State Teachers' Association. All of the initiated know what that means. Just as the milky way is fuller of asteroids and so more luminous than the rest of the heavens, so these association days fairly gleam and glisten with scintillating ideas, and are marked portions of the teachers year.

The meeting was held at Concord Friday and Saturday. It was ushered in Thursday evening by a schoolmasters banquet (men only! Take notice and rejoice ye Kansas school ma'ams) to which we were not bidden. The Normal contingent tore itself loose from bed in time to catch the 6:55 train and was on its way. N. H. is good to the Association. Teachers may dismiss to go and will receive their full pay anyhow, so we and a few city teachers are on the way.

As we neared Concord we saw the largest farms and fields I have seen in New England. Then after a few miles of wild woodland we reached the great granite quarrying regions just out of Concord. Here a great gash in the woods of the hillside means a deep quarry and you'll notice beside the track somewhere near the big stone cutters sheds, the crane for loading on to the flat cars, the switch from the main track and and heaps of broken fragments. Behind this and breaking the wall of wood about is the narrow gap with the steep road from the quarry. I suppose that is an especially favorable place for quarries not alone be-

cause of the good granite but because of its nearness to the track and so less expensive shipping.

But as I was about to remark, we went to the Teachers' Association. This was not nearly so strenuous an affair as a Kansas Association. Indeed the most strenuous part of the whole thing was catching that 6:55 train. There were few round-tables and only two of those held sessions over one and a half hours long, and there was no afternoon session Saturday. Friday morning there was but one address of strictly educational importance, and that brief. An educational lecture on Compulsory Education, Friday evening and Saturday morning one on Industrial Education. It seemed to me the teachers must get little. The speakers were generally College Profs. or President or Principals of Academics and no chance at all for an ordinary teacher to let off steam. The round-tables had no discussions following the papers. Following is the list of the round table Classical Association: High School Section; Grammar School Section; Intermediate and Primary Section; Kindergarten Section; Music Section; Drawing Section; Educational Council. I heard one fine paper on Plays and Games. Most of the College men who spoke were from outside the state. From the State Institutions a man from Dartmouth and Mr. Rhodes only were on the program and Mr. Rhodes in the Primary Section. Quite a difference here and in Kansas you see. Saturday morning I bought some real spruce chewing gum for myself and a mouth harp for H. L. Jr., and went home. As ever,

Harry Kent.

The numbers of the Senior class will be increased by two and possibly more next term.

There is some agitation in the time of having a Senior-Junior basket ball game in the near future. How 'bout it Juniors?

Literati Jottings.

The first game of "Tiddle de Winks" in the inter society contest has been postponed.

Kerns, our genial, little, office boy, complains of his engagement with his typewriter as being physically, very strenuous.

Clinton, our ex-treasurer, has been suffering with lumbago for sometime. Wonder why the doctors didn't prescribe the old time remedy, essence of birch?

Those desiring a more thorough knowledge of the fundamentals of "Classic English" should call on Grover Cleveland, the "Stove Polishing" artist.

What's the matter with our society meetings? Are they a thing of the past or will they arise again with renewed effort on the part of each individual member?

One would think from the number of "Lit" sparks that can be seen on Normal avenue every evening that electric lights were not only unnecessary but a nuisance.

Jiminy, our tuneful chimes, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of melancholia. The cause is not known but it is presumed that the fever was brought on by cupid's failure to storm that tower wherein resides all his hopes and aspirations.

The Lyceums have nothing but praise for the great work that one of our state institutions is doing. Last week they sent their big victim to Topeka for treatment. It was found there that the metal balance was deranged and the center of gravity too high. But within five days both were adjusted and we have a Lyceums' word for it that the big machine is now perfect in every respect.

One of our "Strong Lunged" members, who is King of the "Emergency Hospital" canaries, wears a smile that publicly announces him as being on the matrimonial market. It must be borne in mind, that the hole through which our "Black Haired"

member escaped from the Lyceum net, has been repaired. We trust that our girls will capture this "Song Bird" while the door of equal opportunity is yet open.

With a sigh of regret

And one of relief,

Another Literati reporter

Turns in his last brief.

Miss Ruth McVey has been absent on account of illness.

A new rug and two new pictures have been added to Lyceum Hall.

The Moyer girls returned to their home in Graham county Monday evening.

Miss Jessie McCord from Codell enrolled yesterday also Miss Mary Callahan from Graham county.

Miss Estella Fowler from Grant county left last week to visit her brother in the eastern part of the state.

A large number of the students are already looking forward to one week from Thursday when they can renew home ties.

Again the smiles on our faces broaden as we note the return of two of our former students, Charley Bird and Ed Davis. Charley Bird is direct from the plains of Rawlins county, while Ed Davis has been side tracked for a short while in Emporia, but seems to be no worse for the journey.

At an evening party the guests were asked to take part in a game in which everybody was to make a face, the one who made the worst face to win the prize. It seemed as if all did their worst. Then the judge went up to one woman who was sitting off in the corner.

"Madam," said he, "I think you have won the prize. Allow me to—"

"Excuse me," she said haughtily, "I wasn't playing!"

Ex.

A week ago last Tuesday night the Juniors had their second party at the home of Miss Beulah Bell. While the Juniors were gathering several suspicious characters were seen walking down the middle of the street and around through the alleys in the east part of town. A little later in the evening these suspicious characters succeeded in getting up enough courage to try to scare a few of the Junior girls who had gone down to the Methodist church. But by the aid of the telephone and a few strange devices known only to Juniors in less than five minutes enough Juniors appeared on the scene to cause the much surprised Seniors to run panic stricken and were last seen going south at a break neck speed. Later the Juniors found out that the Seniors meant no harm but were going to have a party the following night and that they had sent out a few of their bravest to learn some of those excellent plans of entertainment of which the Junior parties are always so characteristic. After all this fun the Juniors returned and played games of various kinds until the late hour of twelve when all departed for home feeling that they had had a most excellent time.

The Woman Suffrage question has been agitated more than common of late. It is possibly a good thing that public speaking is only a ten week's subject or there might have been some young men answering "Hair Restorer" advertisements.

It is whispered around that the canaries are going to leave the old nest and migrate to warmer zones.

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There promises to be more afternoon work this term than previously. Mr. Smith as usual will conduct his Manual Training classes in the afternoon. Mr. Matthew will have a class in Algebra and Mr. Shively a class in History of Education.



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Your first duty to your parents and yourself is to become a good student. See that you take home something beside x's at the close of this term.

When in this paper a mistake you find,

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When you read a little joke

In which at you some fun they poke

Don't jump up and pull your coat, but

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If your picture is not very good,

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If your write up is sort of rude

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If you wrote a thing you thought was swell

And they didn't like it quite so well,

Instead of sending us all to—, well
Just cuss the Editors.

—Sunflower.

On Monday morning Nov. 8, H. M. Hanaford, representing Prof. Wm. B. Patty, lecturer, appeared at chapel and laid before the students a proposition to bring Mr. Patty to the W. K. S. N. The proposition was accepted and Mr. Patty will be here sometime in January. Mr. Patty gives a lecture upon three great scientific discoveries of the 19th and 20th centuries, radium, liquid air and wireless telegraphy, and during his lecture performs practical experiments with each before his audience.

Inter class relations have been so firmly founded in one instance which came under our special notice of late that it resulted in the absence of one member of the class at the recent social meeting. It is time that some action is taken to dissolve these relations.

P. S. No further action needs to be taken along this line as word has just been received that said relations became so strong that a weary, sin-surrounded junior has been lifted from darkness into light and is now living the blessed life of a Senior—Amen!

"Jiminy" went home Tuesday to try the value of mother's cooking in recovering from a recent illness. We trust that the desired effect will soon be gotten and that his smiling face will be among us before long.

Prof. Matthew represented W. K. S. N. among the toasters at the State Normal reunion at Topeka. He spoke of the phenomenal growth of the Western school and pledged its love and loyalty to the mother institution at Emporia.

Basket ball practice for the first team started Monday. We have a good schedule this winter and expect to go about as fast as any of them.

Doings Of The Model School.

Miss Hattie Feitz is in school again after an absence of several weeks.

Miss Pearl Moore missed school last Monday.

Miss Annabel Eaird is at her home now near Moreland, Kans., after spending ten weeks in the Normal.

Miss Elva Bradshaw writes us that she is glad to be home again.

The teachers of the Model School are rejoicing that their hard work of labor is over.

The final examinations are over for ten more weeks.

Miss Pearl McEwen is a new Normal student.

Calvert and Eodmer both have great regards for schoolmam's.

We are glad to learn that Jack Hoffman is reported some better.

Word from Henry Brown, "the poet" says he is progressing nicely, especially in the Sunday School work.

Winnie Cox, a former Normal student has enrolled in the music department of the Fine Arts school at the State Agricultural College.

Earl Shamburg and James Johansen have purchased a pair of gloves in partnership made of Lambswool, consideration nine and one half dollars.

Anyone wishing to know the number of X's handed out Wednesday, multiply the number of students by the average number of studies each took and add eight.

Will Calvert left Monday night for his home at Winona owing to illness. We wonder (and hope it may be true) if Will is only working a fake and is going on farther west.

The boy sat on the school house steps.

His head was in a whirl,
His eyes and mouth were full of curl,

And his arms were full of girl.

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C. J. Smith addresses the meeting Nov. 23 and J. H. Beach on Nov. 30.

The committee feels encouraged by its success in candy sales and plans to have more of the finest home made confections on sale at the inter-society basket ball games. Remember the proceeds of these sales is to be applied to the fund to send delegates to the Rochester convention.

Mrs. Averill attended the meeting of Nov. 2, and sang for the Association. Her selection was greatly appreciated. The hearty and sympathetic assistance of the people of the city adds much to the interest of the meetings.

Prof. Picken gave an excellent talk on Perseverance. He pointed to Christ as our great example of perseverance and showed us how Paul and the other great religious leaders as well as many of the best of men and women in other lines of the world's best work had succeeded only by determination and an inability to know when they were defeated.

"The Danger of Becoming a Sponge" was the attractive title of Mr. Wooster's address of Nov. 9. The Christian duty of giving and helping, instead of selfishly taking all was emphasized.

Miss Gertrude Hanna has almost lost her voice caused by public speaking.

If you want something good to eat see the "candy kids" of the Normal.

In connection with the State Teachers' Association a State Normal reunion and banquet was held at Masonic temple. About five hundred alumni and under graduates of the three State Normals were there; among them we note Miss Alice Lund Mr. E. D. Jantzen, Mr. Beeby, Mr. Christiansen and Murray Wallace of W. K. S. N.

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Russell H. S. 33 Normal's Second 34.

The first basket ball game of the season was pulled off in the Normal gymnasium last Wednesday night between the Russell High School and the Normal second team. The game was fast and well played throughout. The Russell boys showed the advantage of having had more practice but the Normal squad had the best of it when it come to scoring. Although the most of the students were booked for x's the next day they were out in force and easily drowned the yells of a good sized Russell delegation making the building ring as it had never done before.

At the begining of the second half Russell was leading by two points but when the final score, 34-33, was announced the defenders of the "Old Gold" were the ones to whom the laurel wreath was presented.

In the noise and confusion we forgot to get the Russell line up and so are only able to give the names of the Normal players.

Frankenberger and Shanburg, forwards; Nielson, center; Clate Rice, and Runyon, guards.

Again W. K. S. N. comes in for her share of honors in the State Educational Association. Miss Julia M. Stone was elected first vice-president for the ensuing year. By virtue of her office she is chairman of the Kindergarten and Primary Department.

We fear that several words and expressions used by the Juniors on the night of the Senior party, would be difficult to find meaning of in the dictionary.



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